

Citizens Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

The Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) met on September 12, 2006, at 5:00PM in the Vermillion County Emergency Response office in Clinton, Indiana.

Call to Order

Cliff Wojtalewicz called the CAC meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

Jerry Sears conducted the roll call and it was determined there was a quorum present.

The following CAC members were present:

Larry Bemis
Rod Bosley
Ramon Colombo
Tom Linson

Rev. Cleytus Malone
Dr. Fred Martin
Cliff Wojtalewicz

Other Attendees

Leonard Akers
Rodell Anderson
Terry Arthur
Jesse Barber
Dennis Campbell
Rick Card
Cathy Collins
Ginger Corado
Ron DeGuire
Darla Eslinger
Vicki Francis
Susan Gillman
Rick Goetz

Scott Haraburda
Leonard Helt
James Lawson
Dennis Lindsay
Anna Lowe
Michael K. Orn
Richard Rife
Scott Rowden
Jerry Sears
Mary Silotto
Robert Spence
Douglas Stroud
Bobette Warnick

Approval of minutes from the December 5, 2005 meeting

Cliff Wojtalewicz asked that the minutes from the June 22, 2006 be reviewed. Rod Bosley motioned for the minutes to be approved, without amendment. Dr. Fred S. Martin seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Remarks by Michael K. Orn for Lt. Col. Bryan Lynch, NECD

Michael Orn reported that in regards to non-stockpile demolition of the former VX production facility was completed in August 2006 and Newport is awaiting verification from The Hague to declare it gone.

The Base Realignment and Closure Activities is as follows, NECD is "Surplus Delayed", meaning the depot will begin closure process after stockpile disposal is complete.

The Local Redevelopment Authority formed a committee which consists of a Gov't Base Transition Coordinator, a Gov't BRAC Environmental Coordinator and six members from Vermillion County.

A property transfer of 101.2 acres was transferred to the US Coast Guard. This is expected to be finalized in near future.

Remarks by Scott Harbuda for Jeff Brubaker

Scott Harbuda reported that in regards to the destruction of VX, 440 ton containers were drained and 660,833 pounds of VX was destroyed (78,302 gallons). All reactor batches have met clearance criteria for VX and EA2192 and 108 Intermodal Containers were filled with hydrolysate (391,919 gallons). The Steel Container decontamination was initiated and 411 ton containers were successfully processed.

The recent accomplishments are as follows: workers have safely destroyed 25% of the chemical agent VX stockpile stored at Newport Chemical Depot. The team met this milestone on September 1, 2006. Safety continues to be the number one priority. Workers have accumulated nearly 3.4 million hours of work without a lost time accident, more than 1000 days. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a follow-up assessment to their April 2005 report, stating that all previously identified concerns with the proposed plan to transport and treat caustic wastewater from NECDF at a DuPont treatment facility has been resolved by the Army and DuPont's new treatment technology and safety practices. The report concludes that the proposed plan poses no human health risk and is environmentally safe.

In moving forward, Newport will continued safe operations. Construction is underway for additional storage of intermodal containers for wastewater storage. The permit had to be modified to allow for new storage areas for hazardous waste, such as dry pre-filters, hepa filters activated carbon trays and other agent related wastes. There is a public meeting scheduled at Clinton Public Library on October 5, 2006 beginning at 6 p.m. to obtain public comment. The initial planning for closure actions has begun.

Remarks by Col. Jesse Barber

Col. Jesse Barber reported that he has pride in the tremendous accomplishments of the Newport Team in destroying over 25% of the stockpile while maintaining safety for the workers, public, and the environment. The CDC report said that all previous issues had been addressed and that the hydrolysate could be safely transported and treated at DuPont has been published. The site is working on a number of initiatives that will help Newport increase its production throughout. Col. Barber stated that he expects to see the same performance that Aberdeen experienced.

Question: Is the destruction on schedule? Answer: The goal is December 2007, and the current projections have completion in the March/April 2008 timeframe.

Remarks by Tom Linson

Tom Linson reported that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) continues in its role of regulatory oversight at the Newport Chemical Depot.

IDEM is currently working with projects involving both the Stockpile and Non-Stockpile programs at NECD. For the Stockpile program at the Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (NECDF), IDEM just received a Class 2 hazardous waste permit modification request for additional storage capacity. The need for additional waste storage capacity is primarily driven by the generation of waste carbon from the air handling filter banks. For the Non-Stockpile program, we are currently processing a Class 3 hazardous waste permit modification for the addition of a large autoclave treatment unit. The autoclave unit will be used for the decontamination of metal parts from the former VX production facility, which has now been removed. The parts consist of pipes, valves, fittings and miscellaneous metal parts.

Newport Outreach and Activities Update

Susan Gilliam reported the June Activities Newport participated in were the Kingman Fourth of July Celebration, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program National Workshop and the Vermillion County Fair. The July activities Newport participated in were the Parke County Fair, the Fountain County Fair, the Newport Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting and the North Vermillion Optimist Club meeting. The August activities Newport participated in were the South Vermillion Optimist Club Meeting, the Cinergy Wetlands Conservation Educational Seminar and the Greater Clinton Chamber of Commerce Activities. The September activities Newport participated in were Newport Report Card Mailer Update Distributed.

This fall, the Newport Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office will move to 306 S. Main Street in Clinton, Ind. The toll-free phone number will remain the same: (866) 300-9034.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

Will be announced at a later date.

Adjournment

Mr. Rod Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dr. Fred Martin and with no further discussion MOTION CARRIED. Meeting Adjourned